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FY98 Navy Budget Released

There's good news for Sailors in the FY1998 DOD budget proposal announced today in Washington by Secretary of Defense William Cohen. It shows strong support for pay raises, maintains the current emphasis on quality of life initiatives and keeps the balance between readiness and force structure. It must be approved by Congress before it becomes effective.

"If you talk to the troops, the first issue they'll raise is pay," said Cohen. The proposed budget includes a 2.8 % pay increase in FY 1998 and a 3.0 % increase in each of the next four years.

The new budget also sustains recent efforts the Navy to improve living quarters for both married and single Sailors. The plan calls for 905 new and replacement family housing units and 5,676 additional bachelor spaces as well as replacement or modernization of 1,032 existing bachelor spaces. It also includes \$385.1 million for improvements to existing family housing units. The construction projects support the DOD "1 + 1" standard for single personnel which calls for one bedroom and one bathroom per occupant and will ensure enlisted Sailors have quality living conditions in barracks.

The new Navy budget proposes a modern, active and efficient fleet that is well balanced across readiness and force level requirements. Deployed ships will average 50.5 days underway per quarter, and 28 underway days per quarter for non-deployed

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The official portrait of ADM Jeremy "Mike" Boorda was unveiled during an official ceremony Feb. 3 in the Pentagon attended by Mrs. Betty Boorda.

(u.s navy photo)

BUPERS Summarizes FY98 Goals

By BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Because of projected reductions to force structure for the next fiscal year, the Navy has proposed reducing personnel numbers by approximately 11,000 to an end strength of 390,802 by the end of fiscal year 98.

The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) will continue to carefully consider the needs and concerns of career Sailors and their families as the Navy continues to balance anticipated personnel requirements with proposed force structure.

For the past four years, the Navy has been reducing personnel strength levels in conjunction with the post Cold War drawdown. This additional proposed reduction was recently included as part of the President's fiscal year 98 budget and is a continuation of that effort.

Consistent with the Navy's policy throughout the drawdown, BUPERS will continue to obtain the majority of these personnel reductions through reduced accessions and voluntary loss programs.

Emerging rates get new BIBs and PARS



by LT Lydia Robertson, BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) recently announced advancement eligibility requirements for ratings undergoing mergers and expansions. NAVADMIN 23/97 also provides sources for obtaining training manuals, non-resident training courses, ratings bibliographies (BIBs) and personnel advancement requirements (PARS).

The advancement requirements in the NAVADMIN cover the following merged or expanded ratings:

- boiler technician (BT) and machinist's mate (MM), surface;
- machinist's mate (MM) and torpedoman's mate (TM), submarine;
- ocean systems technician (OT) and sonar technician (surface) (STG);
- gunner's mate (guns) (GMG) and gunner's mate (missiles) (GMM);

- data processing technician (DP) and radioman (RM);
- data systems technician (DS) with electronics technician (ET) surface;
- data systems technician (DS) and fire control technician (FC);
- merger of interior communications electrician (IC)/radioman (RM)/quartermaster (QM) submarine into electronics technician (ET) submarine;
- expansion of mineman (MN) rating to include related boatswains mate (BM), gunners mate guns (GMG), operations specialist (OS) and sonar technician (surface) (STG) rating functions.

Questions regarding BIBs and PARS should be referred to the Navy Advancement Center at NETPDTC, (904)452-1383 (DSN 922-1383). Their e-mail address is <navy.advancement@smtp.cnet.navy.mil.>

BUPERS provides uniform updates

by LT Lydia Robertson, BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Navy's Uniform Regulation Manual will be available on the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) home page in July, according to the Navy Uniform Matters Office.

A planned hyperlink to the Navy Exchange Mail Order Program is currently being discussed. If implementation is possible, service members will be able to place uniform orders electronically.

In other uniform news, the new dungaree uniform wear test is underway in Norfolk. Sailors aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74), USS *Monongahela* (AO 178), USS *George*

Washington (CVN 73), USS *Jacksonville* (SSN 699), USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39), USS *Wasp* (LHD 1), USS *Arctic* (AOE 8), USS *Briscoe* (DD 97), SIMA and VRC 40 are participating in the wear test on the east coast.

Sailors from the San Diego based ships USS *Boxer* (LHD 4), USS *Benfold* (DDG 65), USS *Comstock* (LSD 45), USS *McKee* (AS 41), USS *LaJolla* (SSN 701), USS *Constellation* (CV 64), and SIMA, are scheduled to be fitted with the new utility uniforms this month. Bremerton based USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) is also testing the new uniforms.

The test is scheduled to last approximately six months, and feedback will be reviewed in June.

Finally, effective Oct. 1, all old-style rain coats and the women's old-style tie will no longer be authorized for wear. The required garments will be the Navy all-weather coat with zip-out lining, and the new women's necktab, which is smaller than the older version.



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THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

Jan. 30, 1862 — The Department of the Navy divides the single U.S. Fleet into separate Atlantic and Pacific Fleets.

BUPERS offers TAR TERA for FY98

by LT Lydia Robertson
BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) recently released the new Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) for enlisted Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR).

Eligibility is limited to selected TAR ratings and paygrades projected to be overmanned. Twenty ratings are eligible for the TERA program, but some NECs within those ratings are excluded. Details are covered in NAVADMIN 19/97.

Those selected must retire in the first quarter of FY98 (October through December 1997). Requests are due by March 31, and all requests will be held until then. BUPERS will select person-

nel for available TERA quotas and will notify those selected in April. In FY97, enlisted TERA resulted in 365 takers; FY98 offerings are expected to be less than half of that amount.

TAR TERA offers early retirement at a reduced monthly payment rate to eligible service members, but TERA is not an entitlement, and not all applications will be approved. Factors considered when reviewing TERA requests include availability of a timely relief, completion of DOD or minimum activity tours, community manning and time in rate and time in service.

NAVADMIN 19/97 includes application procedures, instructions on how to compute retired pay and explanation of benefits and obligations for TERA retirees. BUPERS Access will contain

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TERA applications. Service members are encouraged to use BUPERS Access before calling.

Points of contact include:

- BUPERS Access: (800) 346-0217/762-8567 (DSN 225-6900, 224-3174)
- Application Processing: Pers-913D, (703)614-8557, (DSN 224)
- Program Policy: Pers-205, (703)614-5565 (DSN 224)
- TAR Enlisted Community Manager: Pers-221S, CDR Marzetta, (703)614-6646 (DSN 224)



Status of the Navy

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Personnel: 406,875 active duty; 231,931 ready reserves; 216,951 civilians

Aircraft: 4,817

Ships: 352

At Sea: 168 ships (51%)

Deployed: 101 ships (29%)

Personnel Deployed: 48,579

Exercises: 4

Port Visits: 11

SSNs at Sea: 31 (42%)

Carriers/Air Wings at Sea:

USS *Kitty Hawk*/CVW-11: *Southern Watch*,

USS *Theodore Roosevelt*/CVW-3: Juniper Stallion 97,

Mediterranean Sea

USS *Abraham Lincoln*: local ops, eastern Pacific

USS *Nimitz*: local ops, eastern Pacific

LHAs/LHDs/LPHs at Sea:

USS *Essex*/11th MEU: ops, Arabian Gulf

USS *Nassau*/26th MEU: port visit, Marseille, France

USS *Peleliu*: local ops, eastern Pacific

USS *New Orleans*; Transit, eastern Pacific

Ships Assigned to Middle

East Force: USS *Paul*

Hamilton, USS *Leftwich*, USS *Fletcher*, USS *Ardent*, USS *Dextrous*, USS *Halyburton*, USS *Nicholson*

Other Exercises/Operations:

Counter-Drug Operations, Caribbean/East Pacific Maritime Interception Operations, Arabian Gulf Operation *Southern Watch*, Arabian Gulf Juniper Stallion 97, Mediterranean Sea

MWR offers special discounts at ski resorts

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and ITT offices are offering special discounts at more than 130 participating ski resorts nationwide. It's all part of the first-ever Operation Ski and Snowboard, Feb. 26 through March 16.

The program is sponsored by AT&T in conjunction with the National Ski Area Association and the military exchanges, commissaries and MWR offices.

Special OPSKI events include the Maine Event Feb. 22 at Shawnee Peak in Bridgeton, Me.; the Armed Forces Invitational Ski Championships March 2-7 at Snowbasin Resort, Huntsville, Utah, and the Armed Forces Spring Meltdown at Tenney Mountain, Plymouth, N.H., March 9.

Participating resorts in 34 states are offering military patrons a variety of special OPSKI values. Resorts offering free lessons or other free programs include:

Alabama	Cloudmount Ski Area	Mentone
California	Kirkwood Ski Resort	Kirkwood
California	Mt. Shasta Ski Park	Mt. Shasta
Colorado	Purgatory Ski Resort	Durango
Idaho	Brundage Mountain	McCall
Maine	Sugarloaf/USA	Carabasset Valley
Maine	Sunday River	Bethel
Massachusetts	Brodie Mountain Resort	New Ashford
Massachusetts	Butternut	Great Barrington
Michigan	Pine Mountain Resort	Iron Mountain
Michigan	Swiss Valley Ski Area	Jones
Minnesota	Buena Vista Ski Area	Bemidji
New Hampshire	Attitash Bear Peak	Bartlett
New Hampshire	The Balsams Wilderness	Dixville Notch
New Hampshire	Black Mountain	Jackson
New Hampshire	Bretton Woods Ski Area	Bretton Woods
New Hampshire	Cannon Mountain	Franconia
New Hampshire	Cranmore	North Conway
New Hampshire	Dartmouth Skiway	Dartmouth Center
New Hampshire	Gunstock Ski Area	Guilford
New Hampshire	King Pine Ski Area	East Madison
New Hampshire	Loon Mountain	Lincoln
New Hampshire	Pat's Peak	Henniker
New Hampshire	Ragged Mountain	Danbury
New Hampshire	Sunapee Ski Area	Mt. Sunapee
New Hampshire	Temple Mountain	Peterborough
New Hampshire	Tenney Mountain	Plymouth
New Hampshire	Waterville Valley Resort	Waterville Valley
New Hampshire	Whaleback Ski Area	Lebanon
New York	Peak 'N Peek Resort	Clymer
North Carolina	Scaly Mountain Ski Area	Scaly Mountain
Oregon	Anthony Lakes Mt. Resort	Island City
Vermont	Bromley Mountain	Peru
Vermont	Killington	Killington
Vermont	Okemo	Ludlow
Vermont	Sugarbush	Warren
Washington	49 North	Chewah
Wisconsin	Tyrol Basin	Mt. Horeb

Base MWR and ITT offices have complimentary AT&T OPSKI coupons which you will need along with your military or government ID to take advantage of the free and discounted programs. The program is open to authorized patrons of the military resale systems and MWR/ITT offices, including DOD civilian personnel.



USS Thach receives CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NWSA) — USS *Thach* (FFG 43) is this year's recipient of the Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) Golden Anchor award in the small afloat category.

CINCPACFLT presents the award annually to commands which have excelled in establishing a climate that supports retention of their highest quality personnel.

"I really enjoy working with the crew and helping them make those important career decisions," said *Thach's* Command Career Counselor Chief

Gunner's Mate (SW) Gary Richard, of Round Rock, Texas. "It is so important to make sure that the Sailors know their options. Many Sailors come to me and say: 'I didn't know I could do that.' We have to get the word out on the street."

Programs like the command's sponsor program, "A" school utilization, off duty education, OMBUDSMAN activities and a strong recognition program have been very important to *Thach's* success. The ship retained 60 percent of Sailors with less than six years in the Navy and 100 percent of those with

more than six years of service.

"*Thach's* goal is to create an atmosphere where people enjoy coming to work and being in the Navy," said CDR Scott Thomas, the ship's commanding officer. "This in turn will ensure retention of the quality personnel we need to keep our Navy strong both today and in the future. Every individual we have retained is a quality Sailor. The few we have lost all enjoyed their experience in the Navy and serve as our motivation to continually work on our retention efforts."

USS Carl Vinson Commanding Officer named 97 San Franciscan of the Year

ABOARD USS *CARL VINSON* (NWSA) CAPT Larry C. Baucom, commanding officer of USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70), was recently named the 1997 San Franciscan of the Year by the San Francisco Forum.

The ship long served as the officially adopted carrier of San Francisco and is still considered "San Francisco's Own" even though the ship shifted home ports to Bremerton, Washington earlier this month.

Carl Vinson's crew served the local area in many community relations programs. Dr. Ron Vernali, San Francisco Forum member noted in his nomination that, "Under Captain Baucom, USS *Carl Vinson* has embarked on a proactive community action program." He went on to say that *Carl Vinson* had, "represented this country and San Francisco in superb fashion."

"I'm honored," said Baucom, "but this recognition belongs to the officers and crew whose efforts have fulfilled the Navy's commitment to serve the public, not just protect it. I'm proud of

their involvement in our community, and I know the tradition will continue now that we're in Bremerton."

Carl Vinson Sailors have conducted scores of projects in the Bay area including serving food to the homeless; collecting clothing, food, furniture and toys for the needy; renovating low income housing; serving in the Partnerships in Excellence program with two area schools; cleaning neighborhoods and the Golden Gate Park; and developing an educational support project known as the *Carl Vinson* Classroom where Sailors demonstrated practical applications of math and science on board an aircraft carrier to area students.



Notable Quotable

"During the past five years the Navy and Marine Corps have worked hard to institutionalize the concept that sexual assault, sexual harassment, hazing, abuse of power and fraternization are unacceptable. The Navy Department has ZERO TOLERANCE for any individual who treats shipmates with anything less than dignity and respect. That is the standard — nothing less." -- Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable John H. Dalton, before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Feb. 4, 1997.

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forces. Aviators will be funded to achieve the Navy's goal of sustaining 85 percent Primary Mission Readiness (PMR) to train and maintain qualified aircrews in the primary mission of their assigned aircraft.

The Navy is requesting 31 new ships between FY98 and FY2003 including 15 Arleigh Burke guided missile destroyers, money to complete the third Seawolf attack submarine, and four New Attack Submarines (NSSN). It also contains

support for the Arsenal Ship Demonstrator and a new nuclear powered aircraft carrier (CVN 77).

Aircraft procurement in the budget for FY98 includes money for 20 F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets, three E-2C Hawkeyes and 12 T-45TS Goshawks.

For an in-depth look at the budget submission, the 1997 Highlights of the Department of the Navy FY 1998/ FY1999 Biennial Budget is now available on the World Wide Web via the

Navy's web page at <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil> (reviewing budget highlights requires adobe acrobat reader).

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